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Re: Winston Farrell v. City of New York et al., 07 CV 4052 (LAK)

Your Honor:

As the Assistant Corporation Counsel assigned to the defense of the above-referenced civil rights action, I write to respectfully request that defendant City of New York's time to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint in this action be enlarged sixty (60) days to and including August 14, 2007. I have conferred with plaintiff's counsel, Michael Fineman, Esq., and he consents to this request.

The complaint alleges, *inter alia*, that on June 9, 2006, New York City Police Officer Schnider falsely arrested and employed excessive force against plaintiff, Winston Farrell, in violation of his federal and state civil rights. As a threshold matter, an enlargement of time will allow this office to forward to plaintiff for execution authorizations for the release of the underlying arrest records and underlying medical records. Defendant cannot obtain these records without the authorizations, and without the records, defendant cannot properly assess this case or respond to the complaint. Accordingly, defendant requires this enlargement so that this office

SO ORDERED

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A check of the docket sheet reveals that an Affidavit of Service of Summons and Complaint has not been filed with respect to the individually named police officer defendant Schnider in this action. This office has not discussed with the individually named defendant the manner of service and we make no representation herein as to the adequacy of process. However, in the event service was properly effected, the City respectfully requests that the same enlargement of time be granted to defendant Schnider so that his defenses are not jeopardized while representational issues are being decided.

may obtain the underlying documentation, properly investigate the allegations of the complaint and fulfill its obligations under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

No previous request for an enlargement of time has been made. Accordingly, defendant respectfully requests that its time to respond to the complaint be extended to and including August 14, 2007.

I thank Your Honor for considering the within request.

Respectfully)submitted,

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cc: Michael Fineman, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff

(By Facsimile)